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*The John Jacob  
and Emma Rock Ensinger  
Family*



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*The Ensinger Family Homestead*

Standing in front of the homestead with our parents are the three boys, Elmer, Jacob and Harvey, with Sadie on the end. This picture was taken in the early part of 1914.



IN MEMORY OF

*J. Jacob Ensinger*

Born February 2, 1850

Died November 4, 1927

Aged

77 Years, 9 Months, 2 Days

FUNERAL SERVICES FROM

The Late Home

529 E. Main Street, Ephrata, Pa.

Tuesday, November 8, 1927

at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

FURTHER SERVICES IN

Mellinger's Church

at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

OFFICIATING CLERGYMEN

Rev. Benjamin Wenger

Rev. Dr. Martin W. Schweitzer

INTERMENT IN

The Adjoining Cemetery

IN MEMORY OF

*Emma Ensinger*

Born February 26, 1867

Died May 9, 1947

Aged

80 Years, 2 Months, 13 Days

FUNERAL SERVICES FROM

The Late Home

33 Akron Road, Ephrata, Pa.

Wednesday, May 14, 1947

at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

FURTHER SERVICES IN

Mellinger's Church

at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

OFFICIATING CLERGYMEN

Rev. Mahlon M. Zimmerman

Rev. David J. W. Noll

INTERMENT IN

The Adjoining Cemetery

# Foreword



This booklet is compiled in loving memory of J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger.

With ever-thankful hearts to almighty God for having given us parents who left us a heritage of Christian ideals and the perseverance to follow in the better paths of life, let us forge ahead, ever striving to attain a higher level, not necessarily in the attainment of wealth or material possessions, but in leading a better and fuller way of life, which would be pleasing in the sight of our Maker as well as those who have gone before us.

Names of the descendants of J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger may be found on the roles of all walks of life, in all present-day activities (religious, military, civic as well as all vocations).

No attempt would be made to evaluate the success of either one of us. This is beyond our purpose, but to lead a full and fruitful life, such as our parents have done, with a devout and religious nature, is a goal for each and every one of us to follow.

Reasonable care has been exercised in the gathering and listing of information and dates. We would ask your indulgence and tolerance for any errors or omissions.

JACOB R. ENSINGER.

August 24, 1963.

# *The J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger Family*



## J. JACOB ENSINGER

Born February 2, 1850 — Died November 4, 1927

## EMMA ROCK ENSINGER

Born February 26, 1867 — Died May 9, 1947

1. Ada Ensinger  
Born March 25, 1885
2. Anna Nora Ensinger  
Born August 23, 1886
3. Katharina Ensinger  
Born June 11, 1888 — Died June 22, 1888
4. Sarah Ensinger  
Born May 3, 1890 — Died July 31, 1890
5. John Ensinger  
Born Sept. 4, 1891 — Died Sept. 16, 1891
6. Elsie Ensinger  
Born September 9, 1892
7. Lizzie Ensinger  
Born Dec. 31, 1895 — Died Feb. 10, 1958
8. Sadie Mae Ensinger  
Born July 21, 1897 — Died Nov. 21, 1950
9. Martha Ensinger  
Born Sept. 16, 1898 — Died Jan. 17, 1899
10. Lottie Grace Ensinger  
Born April 23, 1900 — Died Feb. 6, 1901
11. Elmer Adam Ensinger  
Born Feb. 26, 1902 — Died Jan. 6, 1930
12. Harvey Leroy Ensinger  
Born February 16, 1903
13. Herbert Ensinger  
Born Jan. 4, 1905 — Died Jan. 4, 1905
14. Jacob Ray Ensinger  
Born June 22, 1907



# *A Brief History*

....of the....

## *J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger Family*



One hundred and three years ago a small sailing vessel left German shores with a group of people, some of them, no doubt, leaving their native land for the promises and visions of this new land of America, which probably offered so much more in the way of life, namely more opportunities to the thrifty immigrants of those days, in order that they may make a newer and wealthier class of people of this United States of America. In all probability the aims of the majority of these immigrants was to seek wealth. But there was one family among the group, the family of Adam and Christina (Gehrig) Ensinger, whose desire was not for wealth, who left their home in Wurttemberg to regain the health of their ten-year-old first-born son, John Jacob Ensinger. The remaining members of the family consisted of: Christina, a step-sister of our father; Adam, Kate and Fred, brothers and sister of our father. An uncle of John Jacob's also accompanied the group on their voyage. The trip was made at the recommendation of their doctor, who believed that a trip across the ocean might go a long way toward regaining John's health.

Our father really went under the name of Jacob (his middle name) and his first name (John) was not known of by most of us (his children) until it was revealed by the inscription on his tombstone which they (our parents) had erected on Mellinger's Cemetery (the family burial ground) quite some time before his passing away. So from here on we will refer to him as "Jacob". The reason for him using his middle name as his first name is not known, unless he may have been prompted to do this after another son was born to his parents some time after they resided in this country and he, too, was named John.

But getting back to our story of Jacob, he was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, February 2, 1850. He must have had a very unhappy and dismal period of youth, because of his afflictions which consisted of a disease then commonly known as "Children's Consumption", and a short time later he was stricken with Infantile Paralysis, which left him a cripple for the remainder of his life. True to their German doctor's predictions, Jacob's health was regained to a certain extent.

Jacob was a very thrifty man all his life. This admirable trait must have been one of his virtues even going back to his boyhood days in the old country when, in spite of his ailments, he gathered and sold manure from a public cattle watering place which must have been close to the home of his parents.

A voyage across the ocean in those days was quite an ordeal, since it had to be made in a small sailing vessel with no driving power but the winds. The writer can well recall of hearing his father tell of his experiences on that voyage — of how the ship was tossed off its course by the mighty winds, of how they encountered icebergs when they were off their course; of how the bodies of several passengers who died on the trip were sewed in a sheet and thrown overboard, for fear that whales may discover the scent of the

corpses and would upset the ship. The ship landed in Philadelphia in the winter of 1860, after being on its perilous voyage three months.

The family settled in Reading upon their arrival. Arrangements for their abode here were made by an uncle of Jacob's who had come to this country earlier. However, the family soon moved out into the rural section in the vicinity of Wernersville, Berks County, where Adam and his wife reared their children into manhood and womanhood. This area to this very day is still occupied by many of our cousins and their families.

Of the family of Adam and Christina Ensinger, all have since passed on into the great beyond. Fred, the last one, died along 1943 - 45 at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. Until a short time before his death, he visited Jacob's children frequently. The writer recalls hearing this interesting old man (his uncle) relate experiences encountered on that trip across the ocean in company with our father. Another experience that he liked to relate was the hearing of the cannons roaring in the "Battle of Gettysburg".

On March 23, 1884, Jacob was married to Emma Rock, of West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Brownmiller, who was then the pastor of Mellinger's Church.

She, too of German descent, was a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Christ Rock. She was born on February 26, 1867 in West Cocalico Township (in the Schoeneck area).

Emma's father died when she was only 11 years of age and, no doubt she experienced hardships at a very early age, since her mother was faced with raising a brood of 5 fatherless children. Very little information of Emma's girlhood is available except we do know that she was hired out on a farm (probably for her board and keep).

Her mother remarried a short time later to Aaron Keller.

After their marriage, Jacob and Emma lived with her mother and stepfather for a brief period, after which they moved to Berks County (in the Wernersville area) where they built a home.

While residing in that area, Katharina, their third child, was born and died. Her remains were interred in Swamp Cemetery near Reinholds. Efforts to locate this grave in recent years have proved fruitless.

Shortly thereafter they moved back to Lancaster County in the West Cocalico Township area with the exception of a very brief period when they lived in a John Hoover property in Ephrata Township (in the area where the Green Dragon is presently located). After living in various homes they finally purchased the home illustrated in this booklet and which the writer likes to think of as the family homestead. Although the first six or seven children of Jacob and Emma were born elsewhere, it was here in this home where the girls (the writer's sisters) matured to womanhood. The remainder of the children also first saw daylight in this home.

This home is still standing today, along Sandy Hill Road, midway between Cocalico Road and the Mt. Airy Road, in West Cocalico Township, north of Schoeneck. The outside appearance of the home has not changed to any great extent.

It was a 1½ story log house with weather-boarding attached. The upstairs was not plastered (we slept under the roof), and it was not too unusual to wake up in the morning and find snow, which had seeped in under the roof during the night, on our bed covers. On these mornings we were aroused from our slumber by the cheery call from mother with this phrase:



“Shtaandt Oof — Da Wise Hut Sich Khandt.” (“Get up — The White One Hung Himself”). This was her way of letting us know that we had a snow-fall during the night.

Another incident connected with this home was the fact that the well would run dry each year. The water would then have to be carried from a small farm (Peter Althouse’s), a distance of close to one mile.

The writer can well recall the parade that ensued Sunday nights, usually every member of the family participating, to carry enough water to do the family laundry the following day.

All of the children attended Mellinger’s School at one time or another.

The family income was very limited since Jacob was a cripple and had to peddle such items as thread, safety pins, shoe strings, and red and white lozenges as an only source of income. Emma worked in various homes (domestic work) throughout the area to help with the support of the family. Later she kept the children of John and Ada, as well as those of neighbors while their parents worked in the factory. At one time she (Emma) had an even dozen youngsters to care for and supervise. Strict behavior had to be maintained and occasionally the rod had to be used to maintain order.

In order to supplement the family income, the children (with the exception of the writer) were hired out on farms at a very early age.

To provide meat for the subsistence of the family, Jacob raised several hogs each year which were butchered. They also had chickens to supply their own needs. The feed that was needed for these hogs and chickens was usually procured on an exchange basis. Jacob had a 2-wheel hand-drawn cart which would be used to fetch damaged or torn feed bags from Shenk’s Mill at Cocalico, which Emma would repair. He would then return these bags to the mill and would receive feed in exchange for this work. The approximate distance to the mill was 3 miles, thus making a total of 6 miles to walk in one day and also pulling a cart of bags or feed, whichever the case might be. This in itself must have been quite a task, especially since Jacob was plagued with a lame leg and limped quite badly when he walked a long distance.

Acts like these and many others bear witness to the grim determination that existed in the hearts and minds of Jacob and Emma to provide the necessities of life for their family to the best of their ability.

Wood was used as fuel for heating and cooking and it was sawed and split entirely by Jacob. This, too, was a task that necessitated much time, patience and effort since he had a withered hand which was a great handicap in this type of work. The writer can well recall his part in assisting his father in this task. He would sit on the long pieces of wood that were placed on the saw buck while it was being sawed to stove length. Then at times he would hold the wedges on the wood until his father “struck the first blow”, imbedding the wedge in the wood to be split.

Jacob and Emma had an unquenchable faith in religion. Although to the writer’s knowledge, they had no direct affiliations with any church prior to their moving to Ephrata, they took up membership in the Ephrata Mennonite Church. However, they walked many miles on some occasions to attend services in different churches. Prayer Services were also conducted in their home by representative groups from churches. They had a



collection of books on religion (all in the German language), which they read quite frequently. Especially Jacob would spend much time (usually on rainy days) in their first floor bedroom reading out loud from his Testament or other religious books hour after hour.

All of the girls who grew to womanhood entered the cigar factory at Schoeneck at a very early age, where they learned the trade of cigar-making.

In spite of the poverty that existed in our household, the family always had plenty to eat — not the fancy variety, but the wholesome, nutritious kind that “stuck to the ribs”. Our mother was a very good cook and had learned the art of “making the best with the least”, always doing a lot of baking, canning, drying and preserving all kinds of fruits and vegetables which they raised on their own small farm. Christmas and Easter usually brought forth inexpensive gifts and candies. This necessitated a trip to Denver, pulling a two-wheel wagon filled with carpet rags that our mother made, to be exchanged for these items that would gladden our hearts.

In August of 1914 the family (then consisting of Jacob and Emma and the writer) moved in with Elsie and her family at 29 South Maple Street, Ephrata. This was necessitated because Emma was unable to do the housework since she had undergone surgery at the Reading Hospital. Earlier that year the family circle at 29 South Maple Street was further increased with the return of Elmer and Harvey from the farms, and Annie and her daughter, Lottie. Lizzie also lived there, having moved to Ephrata a short time before in order to secure better employment than the Schoeneck area offered.

In April of 1915 (Emma having recovered from her operation), the family again “struck out on their own”, moving into the home now listed as 610 East Main Street, Ephrata. At that time this area was within the bounds of Ephrata Township, and the writer attended the old Bethany School. The family circle then consisted of Jacob and Emma, Annie and Lottie, Lizzie, Elmer, Harvey and the writer. The family moved quite often in the next three years to the following addresses, respectively: 14 North Church Street, 65 North Church Street, 29 South Maple Street, 27 South Maple Street, then finally to 529 East Main Street where they lived for nearly twelve years. In order to supplement the family income, tobacco stripping and gauze shirt taping was done in the home. This meant that there was always plenty to do, not only for Emma, but for any one who may have had idle time on their hands, and especially Lottie and the writer. Out of necessity, this was imperative, for financial help. But Emma also was of the opinion that idleness for youth tends to get them into mischief. It was customary to work before and after school and at times pretty well into the night. However, tobacco stripping and shirt taping *were never done* on Sundays or holidays.

Even with the grown-ups working in factories, money was still a pretty scarce item in the Ensinger household and many times it was necessary to peddle commodities from door to door (such as Larkin's products) if a minor piece of furniture or household item was desired, which was usually given as a premium for selling these products.

The writer can recall very distinctly the acquisition of children's rockers that were earned by Lottie and yours truly by the sale of Larkin's products. These rockers are still the prize possessions of their recipients who had to sell ever so many packs of salt and soap which were only two of the hundreds of items that comprised the Larkin line. These two items cost the least in the line, and consequently it meant that you had to call at a large number of homes and take orders before you could boost sales to an amount



where you could secure any worthwhile premiums. Many other household commodities such as dishes, blankets, etc., were secured on the same basis.

NOTE—*The writer mentions this experience merely to bring out the facts about the "good old days" to show that there were no Santa Clauses in those days. If you wanted anything, you really had to go out and work for it. This applied to many other families as well as our own.*

Insofar as recreation was concerned for the members of the Ensinger household, the writer can well recall the acquisition of a victrola along about 1917. This was the source of many hours of enjoyment. Teams (horse and buggy) could be hired from a local holstery and this was a frequent Sunday afternoon practice. This type of recreation would sometimes bring on some rather thrilling experiences if the horses suddenly balked or would make an attempt to "run away", thus giving the occupants "the scare of their lives".

Jacob continued peddling after the family's removal to Ephrata. In spite of the fact that his earnings from this source were small, he managed to save enough to buy a double tombstone and have it erected on Mellinger's Cemetery as well as accumulating sufficient money to more than pay for his funeral.

In January, 1921, the family circle decreased in numbers when Annie and Howard Lutz were united in marriage and immediately went to housekeeping, taking Lottie with them. In the spring of 1927 it decreased again in size when the writer and his family (Edith and Ray) went to housekeeping. Lizzie and her daughter, Helen, also left the family when Lizzie secured domestic work with a family at Bareville.

On Friday morning, November 4, 1927, Jacob succumbed to a stroke (which he suffered two days earlier), at the age of 77 years, 9 months and 2 days. Funeral Services were conducted in Mellinger's Church, with the Rev. Benjamin Wenger (Mennonite), and the Rev. Dr. Martin W. Schweitzer (Reformed), officiating. Emma continued to maintain the home after the loss of her husband.

On Sunday morning, January 5th, 1930, tragedy struck the family when Elmer was seriously injured in an automobile accident and the following day succumbed to these injuries at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 11 days. (Catherine Diana, three-month-old daughter of Harvey and his wife, Ida, passed away on December 11, 1927). Thus the "Grim Reaper" had removed a loved one from our family circle at 529 East Main Street for the third time within a period of a little over two years.

After Elmer's death, Emma gave up housekeeping and had Public Sale of her household goods on Saturday, March 29th, 1930. She then made her home with Jacob and Edith, who lived across the street from her home. She moved along with them (a short time later) to 33 Akron Road, where she lived with them for the remainder of her earthly life, which came to a close on Friday, May 9th, 1947, at the age of 80 years, 2 months and 13 days.

By mere coincidence, she, too, like her mate almost 20 years before, was stricken Wednesday night and passed away Friday morning. Although she was ill and confined to her room, she did not appear to be too serious until Wednesday night. Funeral Services were held in Mellinger's Church with Rev. Mahlon Zimmerman (Mennonite) and Rev. David J. W. Noll (Reformed) officiating.

Thus came to a close the chapter of life here on earth for Jacob and Emma Ensinger with their transition into the Church Triumphant.

## *“Ensinger’s” Said To Be of Swiss Descent*



According to a letter received by Harvey L. Ensinger from a cousin, a son of our late uncle Fred (by a former marriage), the Ensinger family had their origin in Switzerland, and not in Germany, as was the general belief. It is also interesting to note that the letter writer spells his name as “Insinger” and urges us to do likewise.

We quote the letter in its entirety below:

2282 S. Humboldt Street  
Denver 10, Colorado  
July 16, 1946

Dear Mr. Ensinger:

I can give you a general outline of the places and names. We have the same grandfather and his name was “Adam”. Adam had 5 brothers and they were born and raised in Switzerland. One brother went into Holland and he had 2 sons in Holland; one was the General of the Holland Army and the other came to Philadelphia. Then the grandfather, “Adam Insinger”, left Switzerland and went to Germany. And there they did not like the name “Insinger” and changed it to “Ensinger”. They claimed “Insinger” was not German enough. Then he left Germany and came to the United States.

Adam started in to peddle with a spring wagon. Adam had a son by the name of Fred, one Johnny, and I think one Adam, Jr., and Jake, and a daughter Kate. Kate was married to “Keller” and lived in Reading, Penna. Fred was my father. Most of the brothers went to the Sanitarium.

My mother couldn’t get along with my father “Fred” so she moved with her parents to Reading and then my grandparents raised me until I was about 17 years old. Then I went to live with my Aunt Kate Keller (Fred’s sister). She died about 50 years ago.

I went up to Fred’s house one time and saw a bunch of children that I did not know — and behold! they had another son by the name of “Fred” — which is of course my half-brother.

A second cousin of ours, who was a multi-millionnaire (the one who came from Holland), and lived in Greeley, Colorado, had the family tree traced clear back to Switzerland, Germany and Holland. He died about 15 years ago — at a very old age. This cousin of ours owned a bank, was President of the Chamber of Commerce, and owned wool mills — he was very prominent.



The real history of the Insinger's is very colorful and one can see the name in Switzerland. I wish to impress upon you that your name is "Insinger", that the "Ensinger" came into being only by pressure brought upon Adam when he was in Germany. "Ensinger" is German Jewish and there is definitely no Jewish blood anywhere in our family.

I am 70 years old. I am in pretty good shape physically, but am nearly totally blind. I was a carpenter contractor here in Denver for 25 years. I am a bachelor. I have enough to live alone on for every day living. I like Denver and think it much nicer than the East.

I wish that I might have an opportunity to see and visit with some of you. I am sure that I could tell you many stories of our ancestry. If you ever have a chance to come to Denver — either you or some family members, please let me know in advance so I would be sure to be here.

I was so glad to have your letter. Another of Adam's brothers had a dish washing machine factory in Philadelphia, and another one big lumber mills in Oregon. Adam's creation seems to be the only ones who were not wealthy — but we were not afraid to work.

With best wishes to you and all of yours.

Very sincerely,

FRED INSINGER.

P. S. — Write again soon.

NOTE—Some or probably all of the information contained in this letter is authentic, without a doubt. This could also clarify the reason for our being referred to as "Insinger's" instead of "Ensinger's" by people who knew our father. Incidentally, he always pronounced it as "Insinger" but, to the writer's knowledge, it was always spelled "Ensinger".



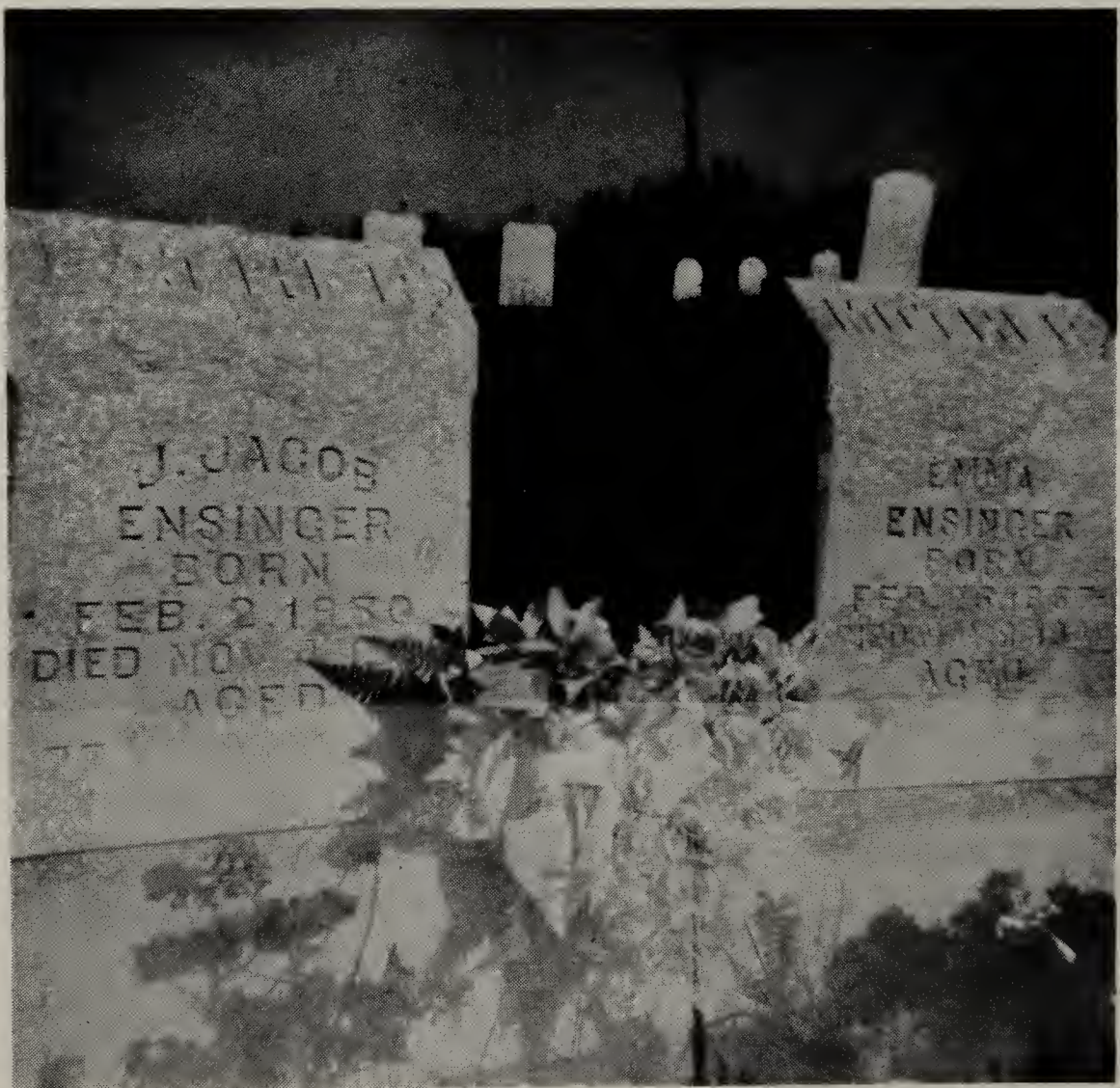
## *Mellinger's Church*

where Funeral Services were held for J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger.  
They are buried in the adjoining cemetery.



## *Grave Stones*

of J. Jacob and Emma Ensinger.





## *Ada Ensinger*

Born March 25, 1885

### **Married to John Latshaw**

Born November 17, 1879 — Died February 14, 1958



Ada, the first born of Jacob and Emma, was married to John Latshaw of West Cocalico Township. They settled in West Cocalico Township, and resided in various homes in that area with the exception of a short period, when they lived in the area of Ephrata, and later on in Hopeland, after which they again moved back into West Cocalico Township (on the old Latshaw homestead), along the Swamp Bridge Road, north of Schoeneck. They were engaged in cigar making during the earlier years of their marriage, as well as small scale farming. John also worked in a feed mill for a brief period of time. They also operated a dairy for a short time, retailing their products in the Denver area. Later they entered the employment of the F. & M. Hat Co. John continued in this position until his retirement (which was hastened by failing health). In the fall of 1957 they sold their farm and took up residence in a trailer (on the rear of the premises of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pfautz, in East Cocalico Township (between Ephrata and Reamstown, on former Route 222). John died on February 14, 1958, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 27 days. Funeral services were held in Mellinger's Lutheran Church, where John and Ada were members for quite some time. He was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

Several parcels of land from the old Latshaw homestead were sold by John and Ada to their daughter, Helen, and their grandchildren, Clarence and Arlene Gockley and George and Grace Latshaw who erected homes thereon and are living there today.

Ada is still living in their trailer at the same location. They had 11 children, 4 of which died in infancy.

## *The John and Ada Latshaw Family*

**MINNIE**—Died when she was a little over 6 months of age.

**CALVIN**—Married to the former Minnie V. Schware, of Richland, was a stone quarry worker in his earlier years. They settled in the Richland area for a short time after their marriage. They then returned to Lancaster County, living on the old Latshaw homestead for many years. They are presently residing at 225 South 4th Street in Denver. Calvin has worked for the F. & M. Hat Company for the past 27 years, while his wife is employed at the plant of the Eby Shoe Corporation, Ephrata. They had 9 children, 8 of which are living.

**Arlene**, their oldest daughter, is married to Clarence Gockley. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theater. He was a prisoner of war for 14 months. They live in the Schoeneck area (Swamp Bridge Road). Clarence works for the Glen Gery Brick Corporation, Ephrata, while Arlene works for the Eby Shoe Corporation. They have three children, one of which passed away in infancy and is buried at Mellinger's Cemetery. They are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**John** died in infancy and is buried at Newmanstown.

**George**—Married to the former Grace Anna Kreider, also resides in the Schoeneck area (Swamp Bridge Road), next to his sister. He is a bricklayer and is employed by Paul Kauffman. They have 5 children. He is a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**Grace** is married to Gilbert Nolt, and they live in the Reamstown area. Her husband works for the New Holland Machine Company; she works for the Walter W. Moyer Company, Ephrata. They have three children, and are members of St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church, Reamstown.

**Emma** is married to F. Earl Garner and they live at Oyster Point, Lancaster, R. D. #1. Her husband is a truck driver, while Emma works at the plant of the Musser Potato Chip Co. They have two children. They are members of the Hempfield Evangelical United Brethren Church.

**Lloyd** married the former Edith Hertzog, is a bricklayer by trade, and they live in the Vinemont area. He is employed by Martin Gerhart's Sons, Inc. Edith graduated from Ephrata High School in 1955. They have two children and are members of the Vinemont Community Lutheran Church.

**Calvin, Jr.**, lives at home with his parents and is employed by Quinlan Pretzel Company, Denver.

**Robert** is married to the former Jane Louise Reedy, and they live in the Vinemont area. He is employed at the Textile Machine Works, West Reading; his wife works at the plant of the Ephrata Apparel Co. They have two children, and are members of the Vinemont Community Lutheran Church.

**Roy** graduated from Cocalico Union High School in 1961, and lives at home with his parents. He is employed in the office of the Walter W. Moyer Company. He is a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.



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1. Minnie Latshaw—Born July 25, 1903 — Died February 12, 1904
  2. Calvin Latshaw—Born July 23, 1905  
Married to Minnie V. Schware—Born May 14, 1904
    1. Arlene Mae Latshaw—Born June 7, 1928  
Married to Clarence W. Gockley—Born March 19, 1924
      1. Joyce Elaine Gockley—Born July 1, 1948
      2. Linda Grace Gockley—  
Born Mar. 27, 1953 — Died Mar. 29, 1953
      3. Colin Jay Gockley—Born Aug. 22, 1955
    2. John James Latshaw—  
Born April 17, 1930 — Died May 13, 1931
    3. George Ellis Latshaw—Born June 19, 1931  
Married to Grace Anna Kreider—Born January 28, 1931
      1. Larry Clair Latshaw—Born Jan. 16, 1953
      2. Richard Ralph Latshaw—Born Dec. 12, 1955
      3. Debra Grace Latshaw—Born June 24, 1959
      4. Edward George Latshaw—Born Feb. 22, 1961
      5. Teresa Ann Latshaw—Born June 22, 1963
    4. Grace Ada Latshaw—Born December 19, 1933  
Married to Gilbert Stehman Nolt—Born November 9, 1931
      1. Gilbert Eugene Nolt—Born May 23, 1954
      2. Diane Marie Nolt—Born June 23, 1955
      3. Ann Marie Nolt—Born Jan. 17, 1961
    5. Emma Verna Latshaw—Born December 29, 1934  
Married to F. Earl Garner—Born January 17, 1933
      1. Barry Lee Garner—Born Jan. 13, 1953
      2. Sandra Jean Garner—Born Oct. 12, 1957
    6. Lloyd Eugene Latshaw—Born July 22, 1936  
Married to Edith Hertzog—Born October 6, 1937
      1. Denise Lynne Latshaw—Born Aug. 28, 1957
      2. Dale Lamar Latshaw—Born May 7, 1959
    7. Calvin Latshaw, Jr.—Born February 7, 1938
    8. Robert Lee Latshaw—Born May 10, 1940  
Married to Jane Louise Reedy—Born May 5, 1942
      1. Tina Louise Latshaw—Born Nov. 12, 1960
      2. Tamela Sue Latshaw—Born June 15, 1962
    9. Roy Schware Latshaw—Born August 29, 1943
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## *The John and Ada Latshaw Family* (Continued)

**REBECCA**—"Becky", as she is familiarly called, is married to Jacob Carpenter, and resides in the area north of Schoeneck, Sandy Hill Road, West Cocalico Township. Jacob is employed at the F. & M. Hat Company, Denver, while "Becky" works for Ba-Ru-Be, Inc., (shoe factory), Ephrata. They are members of Zion United Church of Christ, Lincoln, where Jacob served on the Consistory for a number of years. They have three children.

**Verna**, their first-born, is married to Leon Hirneisen. They live at 370 Main Street, Denver. Leon is employed by C. P. Wenger's Sons, (feed mill), Ephrata; Verna works for the Hesteco Dress and Sportswear Mfg. Co., Ephrata.

Leon is a World War II veteran, entering the Service (Infantry) on Dec. 20, 1944, and after serving in the Hawaiian Islands and Japan, he was discharged on Oct. 24, 1946. They are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Schoeneck. They have one daughter.

**Alice** is married to Paul Hehnly and they live at 370 Main Street, Denver. Her husband works for the Badorf Shoe Co., Inc., Lititz. They are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**Paul** is married to the former Marjorie Youse, of Reamstown, who graduated from the East Cocalico High School in 1950. They live north of Schoeneck, on Cocalico Road, where they built a home. Paul works for Frank Ix & Sons, Inc., (silk mill), New Holland; Marjorie is employed at the Ephrata plant of the Terre Hill Mfg. Co., Ephrata. They have three children, and are members of Zion United Church of Christ, Lincoln.

Paul is a World War II veteran of 20 months, 13 of which were spent overseas in the Philippine Islands and Okinawa.

**John** entered the Service (Missile Battalion) shortly after graduating from Cocalico Union High School in 1960. He was sent to Okinawa where he served until a short time ago when he was returned to the States, and is scheduled to be separated from the Service some time in December of this year. He is a member of Zion United Church of Christ, Lincoln.

**LUELLA**—Passed away on August 19, 1924, following an appendectomy, at the age of 15 years, 9 months and 2 days. She is buried at Mellinger's.

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3. Rebecca M. Latshaw—Born September 24, 1906  
Married to Jacob F. Carpenter—Born October 16, 1900

1. Verna Mae Carpenter—Born April 23, 1923  
Married to Leon H. Hirneisen—Born November 29, 1921

1. Alice Fay Hirneisen—Born March 7, 1941  
Married to Paul Hehnly—Born April 20, 1943

2. Paul E. Carpenter—Born January 10, 1927  
Married to Marjorie A. Youse—Born July 26, 1932

- 1. Allen Eugene Carpenter—Born Feb. 6, 1951
- 2. Bruce Wayne Carpenter—Born Oct. 2, 1954
- 3. Carol Ann Carpenter—Born Nov. 9, 1957

3. John R. Carpenter—Born December 11, 1942

4. Luella Jane Latshaw—Born November 17, 1908 — Died August 19, 1924



## *The John and Ada Latshaw Family*

(Continued)

**ELSIE** is married to Leroy Leisey, and they live on Line Road in Stevens. Leroy worked for Martin's Mill, Ephrata, for many years before he started with New Holland Machine Company, where he is currently employed. Elsie works for the F. & M. Hat Company, Denver.

They had three children, one of which passed away when he was quite small. Both Elsie and Leroy are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Schoeneck.

**Betty**, their first-born, is married to Stanton Wolf. They live on Queen Street, Schoeneck. Upon graduating from East Cocalico High School in 1947, Betty started working for the Geo. W. Bollman Company in the laboratory (where she is currently employed). Her husband graduated from the Denver High School in 1935. He is employed as a carpenter by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, working out of the Bowersville depot on building and sign maintenance.

Stanton is a veteran of World War II, having spent four years and seven months in the service of his country. He was in the A. T. O. and the E. T. O.

They have two children. Betty is a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**Harold** passed away when he was a little over 10 months old. He is buried at Mellinger's Cemetery.

**Marian** is married to Richard Hainley and they live on Line Road, Stevens. She graduated from East Cocalico High School in 1953. Her husband works for the Geo. W. Bollman Company, while she is employed by the Dutchmaid Company.

Richard is a veteran of the Korean War.

They have three children.

**HELEN**—Lives on Swamp Bridge Road on a tract which was formerly a parcel of the old Latshaw homestead. She works for the Geo. W. Bollman Company. She is a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.



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5. Elsie Marie Latshaw—Born January 19, 1910  
Married to Leroy Leisey—Born August 4, 1906

1. Betty Jane Leisey—Born November 15, 1928  
Married to Stanton Herbert Wolf—Born October 1, 1918
  1. Greta Marie Wolf—Born Feb. 16, 1952
  2. Erik Lee Wolf—Born Jan. 4, 1954

2. Harold Franklin Leisey—  
Born June 23, 1930 — Died May 3, 1931

3. Marion Lorraine Leisey—Born September 21, 1933  
Married to Richard L. Hainley—Born May 15, 1931
  1. Brenda Sue Hainley—Born Feb. 19, 1956
  2. Richard Darrell Hainley—Born March 7, 1957
  3. Jeffrey Leroy Hainley—Born May 9, 1958

6. Helen Latshaw—Born January 29, 1912

## *The John and Ada Latshaw Family*

(Continued)

**CARRIE** is married to Ellis Getz, and they live in West Cocalico Township, north of Schoeneck (just off Harting's Park Road). Ellis is employed by the New Holland Machine Company; Carrie works for the Geo. W. Bollman Company.

They have three children. Both Carrie and Ellis are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**Dorothy**, their oldest daughter, is married to Richard Stauffer. He is a heavy equipment operator for the Dewalt Construction Company.

Richard was a member of the U. S. Army for two years and was stationed in the State of Washington.

They have three children. They live on the Kurtz Stone Quarry Road, just off Route 222 (near the Dutchman's Diner).

**Elva** is married to Paul Leisey, and they live in West Cocalico Township in the area of the Blue Lake Dam (near Blainsport). Her husband is employed as a mechanic at Mentzer's Service Station, Route 222, near Ephrata. Elva works for the Geo. W. Bollman Company.

Paul was a member of the U. S. Navy for four years, being in the Korean theatre for nine months and in the European theatre for three years.

They have two children. Elva is a member of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**Kenneth** is married to the former Mary Ellen Crowther. They live in a home which they built (adjoining the premises of Kenneth's parents). He is employed at the L. M. Sheaffer egg warehouse, Ephrata; his wife works for the Dutchmaid Company, Ephrata.

They have one child.

**ALMA**—Died in infancy.

**JOHN**—Died in infancy.

**GRACE**—She is married to Elmer Pfautz, and they reside in East Cocalico Township, between Ephrata and Reamstown, along former Route 222. Elmer is employed by the New Holland Machine Company.

He is a World War II veteran, entering the U. S. Army (Quartermaster Corps) on February 5, 1944. He was discharged on May 25, 1946, after serving in the European Theatre of Operations.

They have one son. Both Grace and Elmer are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church.

**ARTHUR**—Died in infancy.

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7. Carrie Latshaw—Born June 2, 1914  
Married to Ellis Getz—Born February 5, 1908
1. Dorothy Mae Getz—Born March 27, 1930  
Married to Richard E. Stauffer—Born July 8, 1927
1. Samuel Ellis Stauffer—Born May 14, 1956
2. James Brian Stauffer—Born Nov. 15, 1957
3. Douglas Lee Stauffer—Born July 17, 1960
2. Elva June Getz—Born April 4, 1933  
Married to Paul Leisey—Born April 4, 1933
1. Susan Lynn Leisey—Born Aug. 16, 1954
2. Debra Ann Leisey—Born July 4, 1959
3. Kenneth Richard Getz—Born December 26, 1934  
Married to Mary Ellen Crowther—Born March 21, 1937
1. Kenneth Richard Getz, Jr.—  
Born Sept. 19, 1953
8. Alma Latshaw—Born July 17, 1915 — Died October 8, 1915
9. John Latshaw, Jr.—Born December 6, 1917 — Died February 26, 1918
10. Grace Irene Latshaw—Born February 10, 1921  
Married to Elmer R. Pfautz—Born April 20, 1921
1. Geraldine Edward Pfautz—Born October 23, 1954
11. Arthur Latshaw—Born March 7, 1925 — Died June 16, 1925
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## *Five Generations*



The five generations of the family posed for the above photograph. They are: seated, Mrs. Emma Ensinger; standing, left, her daughter, Mrs. John Latshaw; standing, right, her granddaughter, Mrs. Jacob Carpenter; center rear, her great granddaughter, Mrs. Leon Hirneisen, holding her daughter, Alice Hirneisen (now Mrs. Paul Hehnly), great, great granddaughter of Mrs. Ensinger. This picture was taken in 1943.



## *Anna Nora Ensinger*

Born August 23, 1886

**Married to Howard M. Lutz** ☆

Born November 14, 1895 — Died January 6, 1956



Anna Nora (or Annie, as she has always been called) was married to Howard Lutz. They went to housekeeping immediately after their marriage into their newly purchased home at 206 Lincoln Avenue, Ephrata, where they lived up to the time of Howard's death. Annie, too, learned the cigar making trade at an early age. Later she worked in a shirt factory and did quite a lot of restaurant work. Howard was a World War I veteran, having served with the A.E.F. in France during that period. He started working for the Reading Railroad on March 10, 1922 as a member of a track maintenance crew and continued on his job until a short time before his death, which occurred on January 6, 1956. He was aged 60 years, 1 month and 22 days. He was laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata, following services in the First Reformed Church (now known as First United Church of Christ) where he was very active for many years, as a member of the Consistory, the Choir and also was Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Annie is living with her son-in-law and daughter, Charles and Lottie. She, too, has been very active in her church and Sunday School, where she taught a class for many years.

## *The Howard and Annie Lutz Family*

**LOTTIE MAY**—Married to Charles F. Zimmerman, is employed in a dress factory in Ephrata, while her husband, who is a tinsmith, is employed by A. Z. Mellinger, New Holland. They have one son, Ronald, and live at 207 Grant Street, Ephrata, in a home which they built.

**Ronald Levitan** graduated from the Ephrata High School in 1946, and from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, cum laude, in 1951. Ronald also played three seasons of minor league baseball in the Cleveland farm system. He is married to the former Eleanor Cammauf. He is employed by the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, N. J., where he is manager of the General Acturial Division.

They live at 31 Madia Terrace, Red Bank, N. J. They have two children.



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1. Lottie May Hoaster—Born December 12, 1907  
Married to Charles F. Zimmerman—Born March 20, 1910

1. Ronald Eugene Levitan—Born May 27, 1928  
Married to Eleanor Ida Cammauf—Born May 31, 1925
  1. Kathleen Elizabeth Levitan—  
Born Sept. 30, 1951
  2. Craig Steven Levitan—Born Oct. 4, 1961

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*Katharina Ensinger*

Born June 11, 1888 — Died June 22, 1888

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*Sarah Ensinger*

Born May 3, 1890 — Died July 31, 1890

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*John Ensinger*

Born September 4, 1891 — Died September 16, 1891

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## *Elsie Ensinger*

Born September 9, 1892

**Married to Michael Beamesderfer**

Born December 6, 1889 — Died April 26, 1929



Elsie, the sixth child of Jacob and Emma, was married to Michael Beamesderfer of West Cocalico Township. They started housekeeping at 29 South Maple Street, Ephrata. Later on they lived in various homes in the Ephrata area. Michael first worked as a laborer in a stone quarry and later worked with track maintenance crews on the trolley line and after that he worked for the railroad company in the same capacity. Elsie learned cigar making at an early age and followed this vocation for quite some time after her marriage.

Later on they moved to Rothsville, where tragedy struck the family when Michael was stricken with Bright's disease. This was followed with a complication of diseases which resulted in his untimely death on April 26, 1929, at the age of 39 years, 4 months and 20 days. Funeral services were held in the Ephrata Mennonite Church (where both he and Elsie were members), after which he was laid to rest in Mellinger's Cemetery, near Schoeneck.

Following Michael's death, Elsie moved to Ephrata, where she raised her family. She then worked in various factories, restaurants and also did some domestic work. Later on she worked at the Brethren Home in Neffsville. She is presently living at 609½ Main Street, Akron.

They had 5 children (four boys and one girl). Of these, four are living today. Eugene died in infancy as the result of whooping cough.



## *The Michael and Elsie Beamesderfer Family*

**VIOLET**—Married to Lester Putt, resides at 32 South 11th Street, Akron (where they started housekeeping years ago). Lester was a shoe factory worker. Later he worked at Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster. He also worked for the Navy Department during World War II in California and the Hawaiian Islands. Later on he worked at brick-laying. He is currently working for the Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company. Violet worked in a silk mill earlier but is presently employed at the Terry Manufacturing Company, Akron.

They have one son, Dale. Both Violet and Lester are members of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron.

**Dale** is married to the former Charlotte Hess of Lincoln, and they reside with his parents. She graduated from Ephrata Union High School in 1960. Dale is employed by Miller-Hess Shoe Company, Akron. He is also an auctioneer and antique collector. Charlotte works for the Walter W. Moyer Company, Ephrata. They are members of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Akron.

**LEROY** lives at 235 Washington Avenue, Ephrata. He was a shoe factory worker for many years, but is currently employed by the New Holland Machine Company.

He is a World War II veteran, having served in the U. S. Army (Tank Battalion) for over four years. He took part in the Normandy Invasion and many other battles in the European Theater of Operations. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

**GILBERT** is married to the former Carrie Vogel, and they live at 7 West Orange Street, Lititz. He was a shoe factory worker in his earlier years. Later on he was a custodian at the Warwick Union High School, and still later was a salesman for the Berkley Products Company, Akron.

He is a World War II veteran, having served with an Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations, where he was wounded in combat. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Gilbert is presently a patient in the Veterans Hospital, Lebanon. They have one daughter, Linda.

**EUGENE** passed away in infancy as a result of whooping cough, and is buried in Mellinger's Cemetery, Schoeneck.

**PAUL**, who is married to the former Goldie Steffy, was a shoe factory worker in earlier years. He is currently employed by the Walter W. Moyer Company, Ephrata. Goldie works for Ephrata Apparel Company.

They live at 292 Duke Street, Ephrata, and have one son, Donald. Both are members of Salem United Church of Christ, Reamstown.

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1. Violet M. Beamesderfer—Born March 9, 1914  
Married to Lester E. Putt—Born November 15, 1910

1. Dale L. Putt—Born March 9, 1939  
Married to Charlotte Hess—Born July 11, 1942

2. Leroy Harvey Beamesderfer—Born October 2, 1916

3. Gilbert Jacob Beamesderfer—Born February 16, 1918  
Married to Carrie Vogel—Born May 7, 1913

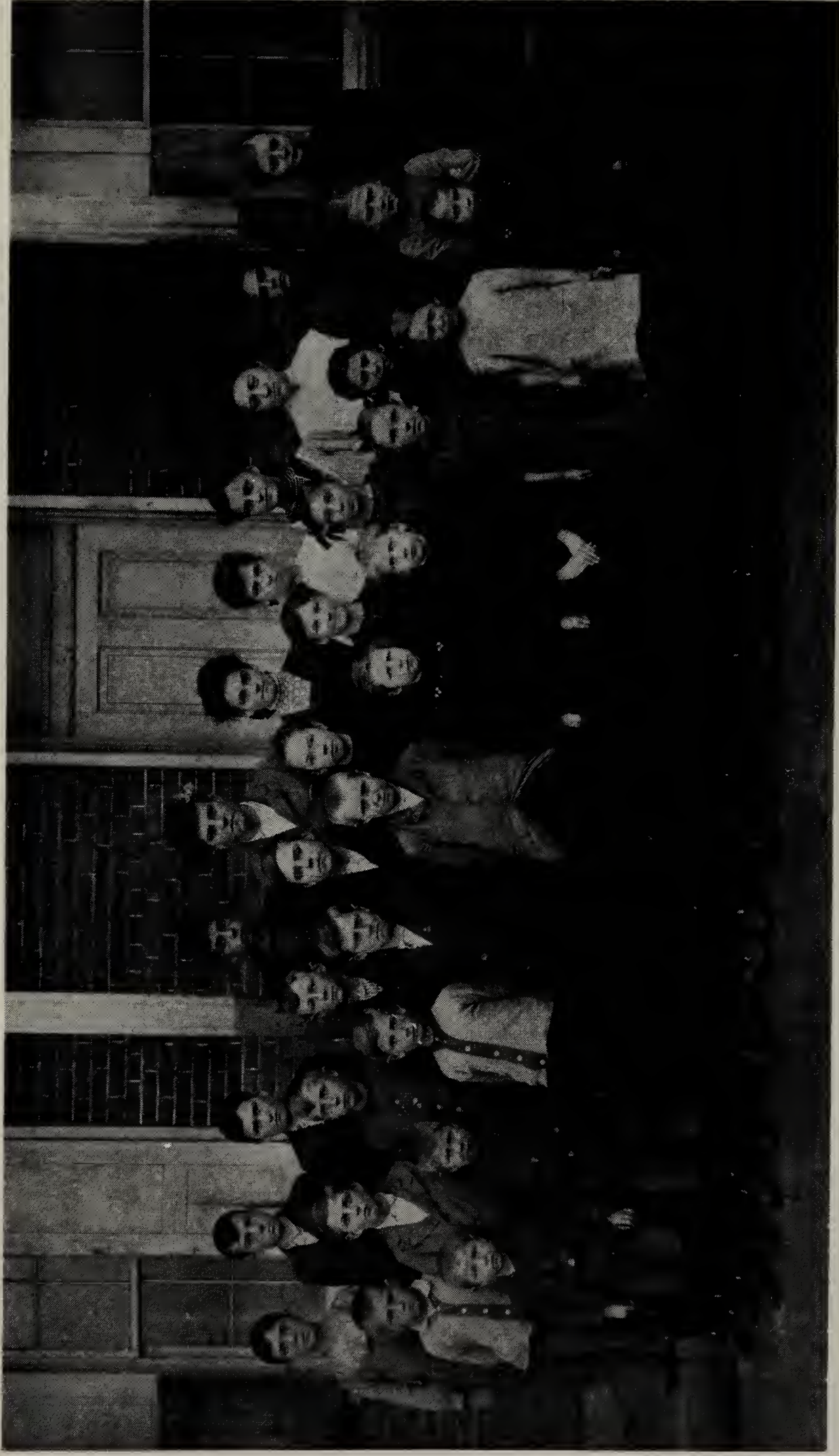
1. Linda C. Beamesderfer—Born March 19, 1948

4. Eugene Elmer Beamesderfer—  
Born August 30, 1920 — Died November 13, 1920

5. Paul Daniel Beamesderfer—Born February 21, 1924  
Married to Goldie Arlene Steffy—Born May 30, 1924

1. Donald Eugene Beamesderfer—Born October 18, 1952
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### *Students of Mellinger's School Over Half a Century Ago*

The above picture of the pupils of Mellinger's School, taken about fifty-five years ago, includes Sadie Ensinger (second from the end, in the second row), and Harvey and Elmer Ensinger (first and second, in the first row). Miss Jennie Daniels was the teacher.



## *Lizzie Ensinger*

Born December 31, 1895 — Died February 10, 1958



Lizzie was a cigarmaker in her early years. She also did domestic work for a number of years, as well as restaurant work.

In 1935 she had the misfortune of breaking her hip and from that time until her death she made her home with her daughter, Helen, and her son-in-law, during which time she lived in Harrisburg for six years and in Ephrata the remainder of her years. While in Harrisburg she worked in a dress factory.

She was a faithful member of the Ephrata Mennonite Church for many years. After much suffering Lizzie passed away on February 10, 1958 at the age of 62 years, 1 month and 10 days. Funeral services were held on February 14 in the Ephrata Mennonite Church with interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata.

## *The Lizzie Ensinger Family*

**HELEN** was born in Ephrata and graduated from Ephrata High School in 1935. In the same year she married Alvin Haines who was born in Blairsburg, Iowa in 1916. They lived in Ephrata where Helen worked as a telephone operator for 4 years and Alvin worked for the International Harvester Co. In 1939 Alvin was transferred to their branch in Harrisburg where he was made Foreman in their Parts Department. It was there that their son, Lee, was born in 1940. In 1945 Alvin left to serve his country in the Navy and Helen worked as a Secretary at the Mechanicsburg Naval Supply Depot until she moved back to Ephrata where she took a job as a stenographer for the Walter W. Moyer Company and is now the Executive Secretary to the President of the Company and the Notary Public for the Company.

Alvin is now working for the New Holland Machine Company in the capacity of Finishing Department Foreman. They are living at 158 Park Avenue in Ephrata. Helen is a member of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Ephrata.

**Lee** graduated from Ephrata High School in 1959 and is working at the Miller-Hess Shoe Company in Akron. He is furthering his education with courses through the mail and is aiming to be a Park Ranger. This summer he took one week of Ranger training in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

He is married to the former Mary Jane Weber, of Denver, R. D. #1, a graduate of Cocalico Union High School, Class of 1960. They reside at 34 Park Avenue in Ephrata, Pa., and are members of Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Ephrata.

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1. Helen M. Haldeman—Born December 4, 1917  
Married to Alvin D. Haines—Born April 11, 1916

1. Lee Donald Haines—Born August 9, 1940  
Married to Mary Jane Weber—Born November 22, 1941





### *Students of Mellinger's School 50 Years Ago*

The three Ensinger boys were pupils at Mellinger's in the 1913 - 1914 term. Elmer is the last one in the second row, while Harvey is the first one in the front row; Jacob is the fifth one from the end in the same row. Miss Mary Kline was the teacher.



## *Sadie Mae Ensinger*

Born July 21, 1897 — Died November 21, 1950

### **Married to Evan G. Hertzog**

Born December 23, 1892



Sadie, the eighth daughter of Jacob and Emma Ensinger learned cigar making at an early age. She married Evan G. Hertzog and they settled north of Schoeneck (along what is now known as the Cocalico Road). They spent the early years of their married life in farming and cigar making. They lived in Ephrata for a short time after which they returned to West Cocalico Township. Later on they moved to Denver, where Sadie passed away at the age of 53 years. She is buried in Steinmetz's Cemetery. They were blessed with three sons and one daughter. Both Sadie and Evan were members of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church. He worked for the F. & M. Hat Co., Denver, until his retirement. Evan is now married to the former Ella Kilhefner and they live at 123 Cherry Street, Ephrata.

## *The Evan and Sadie Hertzog Family*

**CHARLES**—Their first born, died in infancy and is buried in Steinmetz's Cemetery.

**LILLIE**—Married to John Sweigart, settled in Denver, where she and her husband established a grocery store (known as Sweigart's Food Market) at 435 S. Fourth Street, Denver. John is presently serving as business manager of Camp Mt. Gretna, church camp of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Both Lillie and John are members of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Denver. Their home is at 427 South Fourth Street, Denver, and they have a son and a daughter.

**Harold** is married to the former J. Mardell Kilhefner, who graduated from the Denver High School in 1952. Harold, after graduating from Cocalico Union High School, Denver, in 1956, entered Albright College, Reading, where he majored in psychology and minored in sociology. He graduated in 1961. He is in partnership with his parents in the operation of Sweigart's Food Market. They live at 436 Walnut Street, Denver, and have four children. Both Harold and his wife are members of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Denver.

**Eileen** graduated from Cocalico Union High School in 1957, after which she entered Lebanon Valley College, Annville, where she majored in elementary education. She graduated in 1961.

She is married to John W. Schindewolf, and they reside at 122 Woodbine Avenue, Feasterville, Pa., where she is a teacher in the Poquessing Elementary School of the Neshaminy School District. Her husband graduated from Hamilton High School, Trenton, N. J., in 1958, after which he attended Lebanon Valley College. He is employed by John A. Roebling & Sons (division of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation).

They are members of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Feasterville.



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1. Charles Leroy Hertzog—

Born December 6, 1914 — Died January 16, 1915

2. Lillie Mae Hertzog—Born December 11, 1915

Married to John J. Sweigart—Born March 15, 1913

1. Harold Jasper Sweigart—Born June 25, 1938

Married to J. Mardell Kilhefner—Born May 17, 1934

1. Pamela Sue Sweigart—Born Aug. 13, 1958

2. Jessica Sue Sweigart—Born March 21, 1960

3. Scott Evan Sweigart—Born July 23, 1961

4. John Harold Sweigart—Born May 6, 1963

2. Eileen Joanne Sweigart—Born June 19, 1939

Married to John W. Schindewolf—Born Sept. 20, 1940

## *The Evan and Sadie Hertzog Family*

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**ARTHUR**, who is married to the former Bertha Ulrich, lives at 620 Pine Street, Denver. He is a machinist at the F. & M. Hat Company, while his wife works at the Zerbe Potato Chip plant. Arthur is a World War II veteran, being inducted into the Navy on December 20, 1944. In the course of duty he suffered a fractured disc and was hospitalized for thirteen weeks, after which he was given an honorable medical discharge on November 8, 1945, with the rating of Seaman First Class.

They have two daughters, and are members of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Denver.

**Joyce**, who graduated from Cocalico Union High School in 1957, is married to Galen Weachter. He is employed as a plasterer for Ivan Eberly, Inc., while she works for the F. & M. Hat Company.

They have two sons, and live at 34 N. Second Street, Denver. They are members of Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church, Denver.

**Janet** will be a senior this fall in the Cocalico Union High School.

**CLEON**—Married to the former Lilyann W. Nies, lives at 633 N. Sixth Street, Denver. He is employed as a shipping clerk at the F. & M. Hat Co., Denver. Cleon graduated from the Denver High School in 1938, after which he spent a year in Rider College, Trenton, N. J. He is a World War II veteran, enlisting in the U. S. Army on February 18, 1943. He served in the Pacific Theatre and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant on January 23, 1946.

They have two sons, and are members of Mellinger's Lutheran Church, Schoeneck.

**Cleon Jay** will also be a senior this fall in the Cocalico Union High School, while **Timothy** attends the Elementary School.

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3. Arthur Eugene Hertzog—Born December 31, 1919  
Married to Bertha Mae Ulrich—Born November 4, 1919

1. Joyce Laverne Hertzog—Born February 15, 1939  
Married to Galen Reed Weachter—Born December 9, 1938
1. Anthony Lynn Weachter—  
Born March 19, 1958
2. Allen Lamar Weachter—Born June 7, 1959

2. Janet Loraine Hertzog—Born September 28, 1946

4. Cleon Ray Hertzog—Born February 2, 1921  
Married to Lilyann W. Nies—Born December 26, 1921
1. Cleon Jay Hertzog—Born January 30, 1947
2. Timothy Lee Hertzog—Born May 17, 1956



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*Martha Ensinger*

Born September 16, 1898 — Died January 17, 1899

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*Lottie Grace Ensinger*

Born April 23, 1900 — Died February 6, 1901

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## *Elmer Adam Ensinger*

Born February 26, 1902 — Died January 6, 1930



Elmer received most of his schooling at Mellinger's School. He was hired out on the Scott Gockley Farm at an early age during which time he also attended the Mt. Airy School. He did attend the Ephrata Borough Schools for a short time, however. While attending the latter school, his teacher, the late S. G. Hipple, recognized his outstanding aptitude with figures. He predicted quite a career for him (especially as a mathematician) and endeavored to have him continue his education. Unfortunately, due to the urgent financial need of the family, the idea had to be abandoned.

An incident was told to the writer that occurred while Elmer attended the Ephrata Borough Schools. The teacher who was very disappointed with his students' inability to solve an arithmetic problem threatened to "thrash" the entire class if there was no one in the group that could do this. In spite of the fact that the class personnel included some rather brilliant students (two of which now head one of the area's largest banks), Elmer's ability to solve the problem saved the day for all his classmates (including Harvey).

His arithmetic papers were eagerly sought by his classmates (for copying purposes). He would then prepare two sets of papers, one correct and the other incorrect. The latter would be laid out as a decoy for unsuspecting "copy-cats" who would be disappointed to find they had the wrong answers.

Upon leaving school he worked in a shirt factory for quite some time, after which he was employed by the East End Planing Mill, Ephrata,  
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until the late summer of 1929, when he was incapacitated after having one of his hands caught in a wood-working machine.

In the fall of 1927 he joined his brothers in the organization of Ensinger Bros., printers, with its initial location being at 529 East Main Street, Ephrata. Although he was not a printer himself, he kept the books of the firm, and tended to many other duties that necessitated skill other than printing. He was quite handy as a carpenter and was mechanically inclined to a large degree, which came in quite handy in the process of starting the new enterprise.

His actual participation in the printing business was limited to a part time basis until the fall of 1929, after he had fully recovered from his accident at the planing mill. It was then that he became a full-time co-worker with his brothers, in anticipation of learning the printing trade.

Fate intervened, however, and his career came to an end when he had the misfortune of being involved in an automobile accident near Reading on Sunday morning, January 5, 1930. He was rushed to the Homeopathic Hospital (now known as the Community General Hospital), Reading, where he passed away the following day at the age of 27 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home and at Mel-linger's Church, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. He was a member of the First Reformed Church (now the First United Church of Christ), Ephrata.

Elmer was a member of the Wall Brook Serenaders (one of the most popular orchestras in this area at that time), in which he played the tenor banjo.



## *Harvey Leroy Ensinger*

Born February 16, 1903

**Married to Ida June Remp**

Born June 8, 1910



Harvey (like his brother, Elmer, too, received most of his schooling at Mellinger's, after which he attended the Ephrata Borough Schools. Upon leaving school he became a silk weaver, working in Ephrata and later at Lancaster. He also learned cigar making (during a dull period in the silk mill). Later on (about 1922) he entered the employment of the Ephrata Reporter, where he learned the printing trade. He then worked for the Commercial Printing Company, Ephrata, and also a printing concern at Reading. Later on he worked for the New Holland Clarion, until he relinquished this job to spend his entire time in the operation of the plant of Ensinger Bros. (along with yours truly). This latter transition occurred about 1932. In the fall of 1937 the entire printing plant (which was located in the basement of 124 E. Main Street, Ephrata), was destroyed by fire. Undaunted by this reversal, he (along with his brother) re-established the plant in a new location (the Ephrata Band Hall) on E. Locust Street, Ephrata. Nine months later the printing plant was again moved into a newly constructed building (on the extreme rear of the site formerly occupied by the Band Hall). Here the Ephrata Ensign, a weekly newspaper had its inception in the fall of 1939. Harvey, along with his brother, continued to publish it until the summer of 1943, when he purchased his brother's share and continued to operate the plant until the middle of 1945 when he sold the business. After working for the new owners for some time, he helped organize Ensinger Printing Service, Adamstown (along with his brother). He is the sole owner of this enterprise, which is one of the most modern commercial plants in this end of the county.

He was married to the former Ida June Remp and they had five children, one of which died in infancy.

He resides at 235 Park Ave., Ephrata. He is a member of the First United Church of Christ, Ephrata.

## *The Harvey and Ida Ensinger Family*

**CATHERINE DIANA**—Passed away in infancy, and is buried in Mellinger's Cemetery, Schoeneck.

**MARIAN** has been employed by Ensinger Printing Service, Adamstown, since graduation from Ephrata High School in 1947. She is a member of First United Church of Christ, Ephrata, and resides with her father at 235 Park Avenue, Ephrata.

**HARVEY L., JR.**—After graduating from Ephrata High School in 1950 he embarked upon the printing trade in his father's printing plant. Shortly thereafter he went into the Service (in the 28th Division) and was sent overseas into Germany. He was discharged after two years with the rank of Sergeant. He then resumed his work with Ensinger Printing Service, where he is currently employed. On May 10, 1953, he was married to the former Gloria Grabill, who was also a member of Harvey's graduating class. They have one daughter, Anne Michele, and live at 1030 Broad Street, Akron. They are members of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Ephrata.

**CLAIR**—A graduate of Ephrata High School, Class of 1950, he was employed by his father at Ensinger Printing Service until September of that year when he, like his brother, entered the Armed Forces with the local National Guard Unit. He served for quite some time in Germany and was discharged in August of 1952 with the rating of Corporal. He again was employed by Ensinger Printing Service until 1957 when he went to work for Lancaster Newspapers where he is presently employed. On January 3, 1953 he was married to the former Sidney Flemish, a graduate of Ephrata High School, Class of 1952. They reside at 200 Terrace Avenue, Ephrata, and have one daughter, Cathy Rebecca.

**GRETA** graduated from Ephrata High School in 1952 and was employed in Lancaster by the H. L. Green Company and later by Seaboard Finance Company. On March 2, 1957, she was married to Henry John Roux, son of M. Joseph and Mathilda Peyron Roux of Lenox, Mass. "Hank", as he is familiarly called, graduated from Lenox High School, Lenox, Mass., in 1944 and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, in 1950. He served two periods of time with the Armed Forces — October 2, 1945 to September 15, 1947 and January 3, 1951 to December 10, 1952 — being stationed in the USA, Europe, Korea and Japan. He was discharged with the rating of 1st Lieutenant. He is employed by Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster. They are members of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Lancaster, and reside at Willow Street, R. D. #2, Pa. They have one son, Joseph Edward.



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1. Catherine Diana Ensinger—  
Born Sept. 11, 1927 — Died Dec. 11, 1927
  
  2. Marian Annabelle Ensinger—Born October 6, 1929
  
  
  3. Harvey Leroy Ensinger, Jr.—Born March 29, 1931  
Married to Gloria E. Grabill—Born April 5, 1932
    1. Anne Michele Ensinger—Born January 2, 1960
  
  
  4. Clair Richard Ensinger—Born September 21, 1932  
Married to Sidney J. Flemish—Born August 13, 1934
    1. Cathy Rebecca Ensinger—Born November 22, 1953
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  5. Greta Ruby Ensinger—Born July 6, 1934  
Married to Henry John Roux—Born June 24, 1927
    1. Joseph Edward Roux—Born May 10, 1958
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*Herbert Ensinger*  
Stillborn January 4, 1905

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## *Jacob Ray Ensinger*

Born June 22, 1907

**Married to Edith Mae Grumbling**

Born May 22, 1909



Jacob served his apprenticeship at the Ephrata Review, starting at the age of 14 years. After working in various printing plants in this area, he joined his brothers in the establishment and operation of Ensinger Brothers. After that (for the next 15 years), his vocation closely paralleled that of his brother, Harvey. However, in August, 1942, he left the printing business to work at Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster. A year later he sold his share of the printing business to his brother. After three years, the yearn of printer's ink lured him back into the harness when he bought the printing business and good will of the late Henry Ziemer, Adamstown, which formed the nucleus of Ensinger Printing Service. After operating this new venture for several years, he sold it to his brother, Harvey, and has been an employee there ever since.

He is married to the former Edith Grumbling, who assists him in the operation of a calendar business, which is housed in a building to the rear of their home.

On April 12, 1930, they moved to 33 Akron Road, Ephrata, into their newly purchased home, where they are still living today.

Both are members of First United Church of Christ, Ephrata. They have one son, Ray.



## *The Jacob and Edith Ensinger Family*

**RAY** is married to the former Dolly Kachel, and they live in their newly built home on Parkview Heights Road, Ephrata. Ray was a garage worker for many years before he changed over to the printing trade, working for Ensinger Printing Service for some time. He is currently employed by Science Press, Inc., Ephrata, while his wife works for Quinlan Pretzel Company, Denver.

Ray served in Japan with the Army Air Force. He entered the Service in January, 1946 and was discharged with the rank of Corporal in June, 1947.

They have two sons, and are members of First United Church of Christ, Ephrata.

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1. Ray Lloyd Ensinger—Born July 31, 1926

Married to Dolly L. Kachel—Born August 9, 1930

1. Dennis Ray Ensinger—Born July 24, 1950

2. David Lee Ensinger—Born November 21, 1952



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